



Via: Regular Mail and Email

June 6, 2023

Ms. Janice Flynn, Administrative Services Coordinator  
Grant County Board of County Commissioners  
PO Box 37  
Ephrata, WA 98823



RE: Request for extension of time for *Strategic Infrastructure Project- SIP Grant No. 2021-01, and SIP Grant No. 2022-02*

Dear Janice:

I am writing to request an extension of the completion date for the above two SIP grants. They are both for the same emergency generator and electrical system upgrades project at McKay Healthcare. As you recall, SIP Grant 2021-01 was awarded for \$350,000 to cover professional engineering design, development of construction documents, and construction of the base bid emergency electrical generator and electrical system upgrades. I believe you mentioned this grant has a current completion date in July 2023.

In June 2022, Public Hospital District No. 4 (d/b/a McKay Healthcare) was awarded SIP Grant No. 2022-02 for additional funding to cover the added costs resulting from the unanticipated effects of the Pandemic and the expanded scope of work associated with the Alternate Bid items. According to your recent letter dated June 2, 2023, SIP Project No. 2022-2 has a completion date of June 21, 2023.

On July 6, 2022, we executed a change order with the contractor to expand the scope of work to include the Alternate Bid items and extend the completion date by 231 days to July 4, 2023. This extension covered the delay in the arrival of the emergency generator and added time for construction of the Alternate Bid items that included electrical system upgrades within the building. Since then, the contractor has reported that Western States, its electrical equipment supplier, cannot ship the 1600 amp switchboard until October 11, 2023. We are told the delay was unanticipated because the manufacturer was not able to keep to its prior commitment to the supplier. In turn, the supplier could not honor its commitment to the contractor. However, we are told that the delivery date of Mid-October, 2023 is a firm date. Because of the added work to connect conduit and wire after the switchboard arrives, the contractor reports that the project on-site work may be delayed to January 19, 2024. While we are attempting to work out a completion date with the contractor sooner than January 19, 2024, we don't know if we will be able to. In the meantime, we have reached out to local suppliers and to our electrical engineering firm who have confirmed that the supply chain delays are a real and common problem within the electrical industry. Our options are limited.

After substantial completion of the on-site work by January 19, 2024, assuming we stay with the contractor's last estimated completion date, there are approximately 60 days at a minimum to perform the final inspection, complete punch list items, obtain as-built drawings, complete final reports, obtain a Certificate of Completion and Release from the contractor and verify with state agencies that all subcontractors and employees have been paid. After that is completed final payment will be made by the District. Then, the District will be able to request reimbursement from the Grant County SIP Program. Accordingly, because the two SIP grants 2021-01 and 2022-02 are for the same project, we are requesting that project completion date for each grant be extended to March 31, 2024.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cliff Sears". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cliff" and last name "Sears" clearly distinguishable.

Cliff Sears  
Counsel for McKay Healthcare  
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Ephrata, WA

cc: Randi Saeter, Interim Administrator  
Correspondence file